Exhibit 6

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DR. JOHN A. REPICCI and LORRAINE REPICCI, Individually, and JULIE STONE as Trustee of the JOHN A. REPICCI IRREVOCABLE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST and THE REPICCI IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST,

Plaintiffs,

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

v.

CHRISTOPHER R. JARVIS and OJM Group LLC,

Case No.:

Defendants.

Defendant OJM Group, LLC ("OJM"), by its attorneys, with the consent of defendant Christopher R. Jarvis, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, removes the action captioned *Dr. John A. Repicci, et al. v. Christopher R. Jarvis, et al.*, (Erie County Index No. 800327/2017) ("Action") from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie, to the United States District Court for the Western District of New York.

This is a civil action over which this Court has original subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), in that the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and the Action is between citizens of different states. In support thereof, OJM states:

1. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and L.R.Civ.P. 81, copies of all process, pleadings, and papers on file in state court and served upon OJM, together with an

index identifying each document filed and served in state court, are attached to this Notice of Removal.

II. NOTICE OF REMOVAL IS TIMELY

- 2. On or about January 6, 2017, plaintiff filed a Summons and Complaint against OJM in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie (Erie County Index No. 800327/2017). A copy of plaintiffs' Summons and Complaint is attached as Exhibit A.
- 3. OJM received the Summons and Complaint on or about January 13, 2017, when the Summons and Complaint were delivered to Corporate Statutory Services, Inc. at 255 E. Fifth Street, Suite 2400, Cincinnati, OH 45202, and were thereafter forwarded to OJM. A copy of plaintiffs' Affidavit of Special Process Server, sworn to January 17, 2017, is attached as Exhibit C.
- 4. This Notice of Removal was filed within: (1) one year of the filing of the Action; and (2) within 30 days of OJM's receipt of the Summons and Complaint under F.R.Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(C), because the 30th day fell on a Sunday, and because today is the next day after the 30th day falling on a Sunday. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1446(b)(1), (c)(1). Removal is therefore timely.

III. <u>DIVERSITY JURISDICTION EXISTS</u>

5. This Court has original jurisdiction of this Action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), in that there is complete diversity of citizenship among the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

A. <u>Diversity of Citizenship Requirement is Satisfied</u>

- 6. Plaintiff Dr. John Repicci is an individual residing in Williamsville, New York, and therefore for the purpose of this Notice of Removal is a citizen of New York.
- 7. Plaintiff Lorraine Repicci is an individual residing in Williamsville, New York, and therefore for the purpose of this Notice of Removal is a citizen of New York.
- 8. Plaintiff Julie Stone, as Trustee of the John A. Repicci Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust and the Repicci Family Irrevocable Family Trust (collectively the "Trusts"), is an individual residing in East Amherst, New York, and therefore for the purpose of this Notice of Removal, the Trusts are citizens of New York.
- 9. Defendant Christopher R. Jarvis is an individual residing in Southlake, Texas, and therefore for the purpose of this Notice of Removal is a citizen of Texas. As set forth in the Consent to Notice of Removal attached as Exhibit D, Mr. Jarvis has consented to removal of the Action. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- principal place of business in Cincinnati, Ohio that is organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, and, for the purpose of diversity jurisdiction, the citizenship of an LLC is that of its members. *See Handelsman v. Bedford Village Assoc.*, 213 F.3d 48, 51-52 (2d Cir. 2000). OJM's members are: (a) David Mandell, an individual residing in Florida, (b) Jason O'Dell, an individual residing in Ohio, and (c) Carole Foos, an individual residing in Ohio.

 Accordingly, for the purpose of diversity jurisdiction, OJM is a citizen of Florida and Ohio.
 - 11. Plaintiffs and defendants are therefore citizens of different states.

B. The Amount in Controversy Requirement is Satisfied

- 12. The Complaint alleges that "Defendants' negligent actions and omissions in connection with" two insurance policies at issue in this case ("'026 Policy" and "'144 Policy," respectively) allegedly "caused the Plaintiffs to suffer losses in excess [of] 1.3 million." Exhibit A 1.
- 13. The Complaint also alleges that plaintiffs paid premiums in the amount of \$600,000 for the '026 Policy (*id.* ¶ 15), paid premiums in the amount of \$480,000 for the '144 Policy (*id.* ¶ 19), and that plaintiffs seek to recover, among other things, "the value of premiums paid" for the '026 Policy and the '144 Policy. *Id.*, WHEREFORE.
- 14. Without conceding any of plaintiffs' allegations, the estimated amount in controversy is greater than \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

IV. REMOVAL TO THIS DISTRICT IS PROPER

- 15. Removal venue exists in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, and is proper in this Court, because the Court in which the Action was originally filed (Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie) is within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
- 16. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Notice of Removal and attachments have been served on counsel for plaintiffs and counsel for Mr. Jarvis.
- 17. A Notice of Filing of this Notice of Removal will be filed in the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court of New York, County of Erie.
- 18. OJM reserves the right to amend or supplement this Notice of Removal.

WHEREFORE, OJM removes the Action from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie, to the United States District Court for the Western District of New York.

Dated: Buffalo, New York February 13, 2017 PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP

/s/ Andrew P. Devine

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Plaintiffs,

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CHRISTOPHER R. JARVIS and OJM Group LLC,

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INDEX OF EXHIBITS TO OJM GROUP, LLC'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL, PURSUANT TO L.R.CIV. PR. 81

Case No.:

Index of Documents on File with the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie in *Dr. John Repicci, et al., v. Christopher R. Jarvis, et al.*, Index No. 800327/2017

Exhibit A: Summons and Complaint (Dkt. 1) (filed January 6, 2017)

Exhibit B: Affirmation/Affidavit of Service (Christopher R. Jarvis) (Dkt. 2)

(filed January 19, 2017)

Exhibit C: Affirmation/Affidavit of Service (OJM Group, LLC) (Dkt. 3)

(filed January 19, 2017)

Removal Document

Exhibit D: Defendant Christopher R. Jarvis's Consent to Notice of Removal

By:

(dated February 13, 2017)

Dated: Buffalo, New York PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP

February 13, 2017

/s/ Andrew P. Devine

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: ERIE COUNTY

DR. JOHN A. REPICCI and LORRAINE REPICCI, individually, and JULIE STONE as Trustee of the JOHN A. REPICCI IRREVOCABLE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST and THE REPICCI IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST,

Plaintiffs,	<u>SUMMONS</u>
vs.	Index No.:
CHRISTOPHER R. JARVIS and OJM Group LLC,	
Defendants.	

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear in this action and to serve a copy of your answer upon the attorneys for Plaintiffs, Duke, Holzman, Photiadis & Gresens LLP, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to answer or appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Plaintiffs designate Erie County as the place of trial pursuant to the residence and/or place of business of one or more of the parties.

DATED: Buffalo, New York January 7, 2017

DUKE, HOLZMAN, PHOTIADIS & GRESENS LLP

By: <u>s\Richard A Moore</u>

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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF ERIF

DR. JOHN A. REPICCI and LORRAINE REPICCI, individually, and JULIE STONE as Trustee of the JOHN A. REPICCI IRREVOCABLE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST and THE REPICCI IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST,

Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT
VS.	Index No.:
CHRISTOPHER R. JARVIS and OJM Group LLC,	
Defendants.	

Plaintiffs Dr. John A. Repicci and Lorraine Repicci, individually, and Julie Stone as Trustee of the John A. Repicci Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust and the Repicci Irrevocable Family Trust by and through their attorneys, Duke Holtzman Photiadis & Gressens LLP, as and for their Complaint against Defendants Christopher R. Jarvis and OJM Group LLC, hereby allege the following upon information and belief:

1. As described in the paragraphs that follow, the Defendants' negligent actions and omissions in connection with two Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York Policy "universal life" insurance policies on Dr. John A. Repicci and Lorraine Repicci caused the Plaintiffs to suffer losses in excess \$1.3 million.

THE PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

2. Plaintiff JR, is an individual residing at 120 Deer Run, Williamsville, NY

14221, in the County of Erie.

- 3. Plaintiff LR, is an individual residing at 120 Deer Run, Williamsville, NY 14221, in the County of Erie. LR is the wife of Dr. Recippi.
- 4. Plaintiff Julie Stone is an individual residing at 5818 Bradford Court, East Amherst NY 14051. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Repicci and is the Trustee of the John A. Repicci Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust, the owner and beneficiary of Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York Policy No. 7146026. She is also Trustee of the Repicci Irrevocable Family Trust, the owner and beneficiary of Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York Policy No. 7317144.
- Defendant Christopher J. Jarvis is an individual residing at 402 Bayou
 Vista, Southlake, Texas 76092 with a place of business at 2301 Ira E. Woods Blvd.,
 Grapevine, Texas 76051.
- 6. Defendant Jarvis is a financial planner, wealth advisor and insurance professional. Defendant holds an MBA and is a Certified Financial Planner. At all relevant times herein Defendant regularly transacted and solicited business in New York. At all relevant times herein Defendant was registered with the New York State Department of Financial Services as a Life And/Or Accident/Health Agent authorized to do business in New York.
- 7. Defendant OJM Group LLC is an Ohio limited liability company with its principal place of business at 8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 440, Cincinnati, OH 45236.
- 8. Subsequent to October 15, 2007, at all relevant times herein, Defendant Jarvis acted as a principal and agent of O'Dell Jarvis Mandell LLC, an Ohio limited liability

company. As of July 5, 2012, O'Dell Jarvis Mandell LLC has been succeeded by and operates as OJM Group LLC.

9. This court has jurisdiction over Defendants pursuant to NYCPLR Section 302(a).

FACTUAL BACKGROUND THE PURCHASE OF THE FIRST LINCOLN POLICY

- 10. Dr. Repicci is a highly respected and successful orthopedic surgeon practicing in Erie County. In the course of his professional activities Dr. Repicci was solicited by Defendant Jarvis in 2001 or 2002 for purposes of wealth advising and financial/estate planning.
- 11. At the time, Defendant Jarvis was a principal in Jarvis & Mandel LLC. Jarvis & Mandell LLC identified itself as providing Integrated Planning Solutions for high net worth individuals (Jarvis & Mandell LLC is currently inactive).
- 12. In a series of discussions and other communications Defendant Jarvis and the Repiccis discussed in great detail the Repicci family financial status and the family's long term goals. Defendant Jarvis repeatedly assured Dr. Repicci of his expertise and competency as a wealth advisor, financial advisor and estate planning advisor, with particular expertise working with medical professionals. He also assured Dr. Repicci that he would oversee and monitor any plan put into place and would continue to advise the Repicci family throughout the duration of any plan.
- 13. Eventually in late 2002, as part of a sophisticated wealth/estate planning plan proposed by Defendant Jarvis, the Repiccis were persuaded to purchase two high

value life insurance policies (with both John and Lorraine Repicci covered by each policy) recommended by Defendant Jarvis with a total final value of approximately \$14 million. One of the policies instituted was with Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company (\$4 million) and the other was with Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York (\$10 million), Policy No. 7146026 (hereinafter "Lincoln Policy No. '026").

- 14. Dr. Repicci had consistently stated a desire that any insurance policies purchased be guaranteed and valid until age 100 and the Repiccis were assured by Defendant Jarvis that the policies were designed to last to at least age 100 for each of the insureds (who were aged 66 at the time) and that it was the most conservative insurance available with only top rated companies in each case. Moreover, Defendant Jarvis repeatedly assured the Repiccis that the policies were "guaranteed" and that if in the extremely remote and improbable event the policies failed to perform, there were reasonable options he would present that would retain the values of the investment.
- 15. In reliance on Defendant Jarvis' representations the Repeccis purchased the policies and paid for both policies in full in late 2002. The cost of the Lincoln policy was \$600,000.
- 16. By correspondence from Defendant Jarvis dated March 6, 2014 (merely 22 years into a policy that had been guaranteed for 35 years), the Repiccis and the Lincoln Policy beneficiaries learned for the first time that there were significant distinctions between the Massachusetts Mutual policy and the Lincoln policy; that the Massachusetts Mutual policy was guaranteed and that, contrary to representations, Lincoln Policy No. '026 was not. They also learned for the first time that the Lincoln

policy might not have the value that had been represented to them. The Massachusetts Mutual policy retained its full value.

17. In the Spring of 2015 Plaintiffs learned after independent review that Lincoln Policy No. '026 was valueless.

THE PURCHASE OF THE SECOND LINCOLN POLICY

- 18. Subsequent to the purchase of the life insurance policies in 2002, Defendant Jarvis continued to consult with the Repiccis and to propose wealth preservation strategies and plans.
- 19. In late 2006 the Repiccis were persuaded to purchase an additional Lincoln life insurance policy as part of another sophisticated plan. Lincoln Policy No. 7317144 (hereinafter "Lincoln Policy No. '144") came into effect on December 21, 2006 and was paid in full by January 2008. The cost of the policy was \$480,000.
- 20. Defendant represented to the Repiccis that the policy "will guarantee \$3,100,000 of death benefit if the two of you die now, in 10 years or in 45 years from now. This is level and there is no investment risk whatsoever".
- 21. By correspondence from Defendant Jarvis dated March 6, 2014, the Plaintiffs learned for the first time that Lincoln Policy No. '144 was not guaranteed and might not have the value that had been represented to them.
- 22. In the Spring of 2015 Plaintiffs learned after independent review that Lincoln Policy No. '144 had a value far less than even the original full purchase price and that it might become valueless absent significant additional payment of premiums.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT JARVIS – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION AND OMISSION – LINCOLN POLICY '026

- 23. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated here.
- 24. Defendant Jarvis failed to reasonably and adequately describe and disclose the risks of Lincoln Policy No. '026 and failed to reasonably and adequately disclose and explain the differences between the Massachusetts Mutual Policy and Lincoln Policy No. '026.
- 25. Defendant Jarvis had reason to know that Plaintiffs were relying on his expertise and representations.
- 26. Had Plaintiffs been aware of the increased risk of Lincoln Policy No. '026 as compared to the Massachusetts Mutual Policy they would not have purchased it.
- 27. The Plaintiffs have been damaged by their purchase of the policy, including without limitation in paying premiums for the policy, in not receiving the benefits of the policy, and in being deprived of the opportunity to invest differently the money they spent on premiums for the policy.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT JARVIS – NEGLIGENT PROCUREMENT – LINCOLN POLICY '026

28. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated here.

- 29. Defendant Jarvis knew or should have known that Lincoln Policy '026 was not suitable for the goals and purposes of the specific plan proposed to Plaintiffs and also not consistent with the stated long term goals and requirements of Plaintiffs.
- 30. The Plaintiffs have been damaged by their purchase of the policy, including without limitation in paying premiums for the policy, in not receiving the benefits of the policy, and in being deprived of the opportunity to invest differently the money they spent on premiums for the policy.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT JARVIS –BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY– LINCOLN POLICY '026

- 31. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated here.
- 32. By virtue of the express representations made by Defendant Jarvis and the extended relationship between the parties whereby Defendant Jarvis continued to provide wealth planning, financial planning and estate planning advice to Plaintiffs, there was a special relationship between and parties and Defendant Jarvis owed a fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs.
- 33. Despite his express representations that he would monitor any plans he instituted and continue to advise Plaintiffs accordingly, Defendant Jarvis failed to advise Plaintiffs of any changes in performance of Lincoln Policy '026 and failed to advise of any corrective measures until it was too late. The Plaintiffs have been damaged as a result of this failure.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION AND OMISSION – LINCOLN POLICY '144

- 34. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated here.
- 35. Defendant Jarvis failed to reasonably and adequately describe and disclose the risks of Lincoln Policy No. '144.
- 36. Defendant Jarvis had reason to know that Plaintiffs were relying on his expertise and representations.
- 37. Had Plaintiffs been aware of the risk of Lincoln Policy No. '144 and the fact that it was not guaranteed, they would not have purchased it.
- 38. The Plaintiffs have been damaged by their purchase of the policy, including without limitation in paying premiums for the policy, in not receiving the benefits of the policy, and in being deprived of the opportunity to invest differently the money they spent on premiums for the policy.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS – NEGLIGENT PROCUREMENT – LINCOLN POLICY '144

- 39. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated here.
- 40. Defendant Jarvis knew or should have known that Lincoln Policy '144 was not suitable for the goals and purposes of the specific plan proposed to Plaintiffs and also not consistent with the stated long term goals and requirements of Plaintiffs.

41. The Plaintiffs have been damaged by their purchase of the policy, including without limitation in paying premiums for the policy, in not receiving the benefits of the policy, and in being deprived of the opportunity to invest differently the money they spent on premiums for the policy.

AS AND FOR A SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT JARVIS –BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY– LINCOLN POLICY '144

- 42. The Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated here.
- 43. By virtue of the express representations made by Defendant Jarvis and the extended relationship between the parties whereby Defendant Jarvis continued to provide wealth planning, financial planning and estate planning advice to Plaintiffs, there was a special relationship between and parties and Defendant Jarvis owed a fiduciary duty to Plaintiffs.
- 44. Despite his express representations that he would monitor any plans he instituted and continue to advise Plaintiffs accordingly, Defendant Jarvis failed to advised Plaintiffs of any changes in performance of Lincoln Policy '144 and failed to advise of any corrective measures until it was too late. The Plaintiffs have been damaged as a result of this failure.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs seek judgment against the defendants for: (1) damages in an amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limit of all courts of lower jurisdiction to be proven and determined at trial; (2) the value of premiums paid to

Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York; 3) interest on those damages and/or premiums; (4) attorneys' fees; and (5) the costs and disbursements of this action, together with such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: January 6, 2017 Buffalo, New York

DUKE HOLZMAN PHOTIADIS & GRESENS, LLP

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EXHIBIT B

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ERIE COUNTY SUPREME COURT, New York

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CASE #: 800327/2017

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Plaintiff

vs

CHRISTOPHER R. JARVIS AND OJM GROUP LLC

Defendant

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I, SUZAN PHILPOTT, make statement to the fact;

That I am a competent person more than 18 years of age or older and not a party to this action, nor interested in outcome of the suit. That I received the documents stated below on 01/11/17 10:31 am, instructing for same to be delivered upon Jarvis, Christopher R..

That I delivered to : Jarvis, Christopher R..

the following : SUMMONS; COMPLAINT; NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION SUBJECT TO

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SOUTHLAKE, Tarrant County, TX 76092

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above.

Delivered on : Tuesday JAN 17, 2017 7:55 pm

I SOLEMNLY AFFIRM under the penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing

paper are true and correct.

EXECUTED BY:

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SUZAN PHILPOTT

Texas Certification#: SCH-11348 Exp. 02/28/18

On this day SUZAN PHILPOTT appeared before me, a notary public, and being duly sworn by me stated that he/she has personal knowledge of the facts set forth in the foregoing affidavit and declared that the facts contained therein are true and correct. Given my hand and seal of office this $\frac{18}{100}$ day of $\frac{2017}{1000}$.

PCP Inv#: D17100470 SO Inv#: A17101711

Reference : REPICCI 10451.1601

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE

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Plaintiffs. VS. Court No.: 800327/2017

CHRISTOPHER R. JARVIS and OJM Group LLC,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF SPECIAL PROCESS SERVER

I, Kevin Allen, being first duly sworn on oath depose and state as follows: I am over the age of 18, not a party to this action, and an employee or agent of Firefly Legal, Inc., a licensed private detective agency, license number 117.001465. Following are the results of my efforts to serve process in the above captioned case:

Type of Process: Summons, Complaint and Notice of Commencement of Action Subject to Mandatory Electronic filing form

Defendant to be served: OJM Group, LLC

ADDRESS WHERE ATTEMPTED OR SERVED: Registered Agent, Corporate Statutory Services, Inc.,

255 E. Fifth Street, Suite 2400, Cincinnati, OH, 45202

I SERVED the within named defendant on: 1/13/2017 9:48 AM

X CORPORATE OR GOVERNMENT SERVICE by leaving a copy of this process with Suzzane Smith, (Title): Receptionist, a person authorized to accept service and informed that person of the contents thereof.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE COPY OF THIS PROCESS WAS LEFT IS AS FOLLOWS: Age: 43 Gender: Female Race: Caucasian Height: 5-7 Weight: 126-150 Hair: Blonde Glasses: Yes

Additional Comments:

I certify that I am a United States citizen, over the age of 18 and not a party to, nor otherwise interested in the above action.

Subscribed and sworn before me on 1/17/2017

Signature of Process Server

Kevin Allen Printed Name Process Server

Title

BETHANY M. HUFFMAN Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires Jan. 28, 2020

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EXHIBIT D

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DR. JOHN A. REPICCI and LORRAINE REPICCI, Individually, and JULIE STONE as Trustee of the JOHN A. REPICCI IRREVOCABLE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST and THE REPICCI IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST,

Plaintiffs,

CONSENT TO NOTICE OF **REMOVAL**

V.

CHRISTOPHER R. JARVIS and OJM Group LLC,

Case No.:

Defendants.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, defendant Christopher R. Jarvis, through his attorneys Winget, Spadafora & Schwartzberg, LLP, gives notice that Mr. Jarvis consents to the Notice of Removal that defendant OJM Group, LLC is filing on February 13, 2017.

Dated: Buffalo, New York February 13, 2017

WINGET, SPADAFORA & SCHWARTZBERG, LLP

By:

Matthew Tracy

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS Dr. John A. Repicci and Lorraine Repicci, Individually, and Julie Stone, as Trustee of the John A. Repicci Irrevocable Life			Christopher R.	DEFENDANTS Christopher R. Jarvis and OJM Group, LLC			
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